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RIGHT HONORABLE THE EARLE  
OF PEMBROKE, AND THE LORD  
CHANDOIS, IN THE BEHALFE  
OF WILLIS SVTE, FOR THE A-  
MENDING OF THE CAVVS-WAYES  
ABOUT BRISTOLL.

To our very louing friend IOHN HERBERT  
*Esquire, one of the Masters of Requests to her*  
MAIESTIE.



FTR our hearty Commendati-  
ons: Wheras within these for-  
tie yeres last past, one *John Willis*  
of the Citie of Bristoll Vin-  
tiner (Grandfather vnto this  
Bearer, being a man of good  
wealth and substance) and well  
inclyned to good workes; Fin-  
ding the *High-wayes* round about the Citie of Bristoll  
so fowle, deepe, and myrie, that neither horse, nor

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man could well passe those Wayes, to, or from the said Citie, without great danger, forsooke his Trade of liuing, and setting apart all his wordly businesse, did for the space of twelue yeeres and more before his death, in his owne person apply himselfe wholly to the erecting and newe making of the *Cause-wayes* subscribed: *And as we are credibly informed*, did disburse and lay out great summes of money of his owne proper goods to finish and effect the same, which greatly impouerished his estate: Which *Cause-wayes*, by reason of so great trauell being force-beaten wayes, and deepe clay grounds, and no labour or cost bestowed vpon them since they haue bin erected, for these thirtie yeeres last past, are now so greatly ruinated *and decayed, that in fewe yeares except the same be repayred*, and speedy courses taken for amendement therof yeerely, none shall bee able to escape or trauell that way without great danger.

The premisses considered, and for that it was so worthy a worke, as in our Age and Countrey (by so meane a man) hath not beene effected: that it will please you to further this Bearer in his said Suite as speedily as you may, as shall seeme meet. And thus wee bid you heartily farewell; From Gloucester this thirtieth of *August. 1599.*

Your very louing Friends

PEMBROKE.

W. CHANDOLS.



# ¶ The true quantitie of the particular

CAVVS-VVAYES, erected by I O H N  
W I L L I S, and what length they doe  
feuerally containe.

- FIRST, From *Lawfords gate* to *Gorges leape*, } one mile.  
From the Priorie of *S. James* to *Horfilde*, } one mile.  
From *Michael hil*, to *Dirham down*, } 1. mile & better.  
From *Weeke* to *Swan more*. } 3. miles.  
From *Lawfords gate*, through his *Maiesties* } 7. miles.  
Forrest of *Kinswood*, to *Tog-hill*. }  
*Cryppes Cawf-way* towards *Awste*, } one mile.  
From *Rownams passage* to *S. Augustines Parish*. } one mile and better:  
From *Bedmister* to the top of *Radcliffe-hill*, } 1. mile.  
Betweene *Winford* and *Barrow*, } halfe a mile.  
From *Horssoms Crosse* to *Bedmister*, } one mile.  
From *Bedmister* to *Barrow Farme*, } 3. long miles.  
From *Bishford*, to *Broad Oke*, } 1. long mile.  
From *Temple gate* to *Red-field*, } 1. long milc.

Besides many other short *Cawf-wyes* done by the said  
*Iohn Willis*, round about the said Citie.





# TO THE KINGS MOST EXCELLENT MAIESTIE.

The humble Petition of I O H N W I L L I S,  
of *Ciceſter* in the Countie of *Glouceſter*.



O s t humbly ſheweth to your  
H I G H N E S S E, that your ſub-  
iects Grand-father about 50.  
yeares paſt, did erect and make  
certain *Cawſewaies* in the Coun-  
tie of *Glouceſter*, out of a deepe  
myre and clay ground (where  
Paſſingers and cariages could  
hardly paſſe without great dan-  
ger: ) to his great charge of two thouſand pound and  
aboue: which *High-wayes* doe lead and ſtand, ſome  
ſiue, ſixe, or ſeuē miles in length, round about the  
citie of *Briſtoll*: which daily ruinateth and much de-  
cayeth in reſpect of the great trauaile to the ſaid City,  
as by the Certificates annexed may appeare.

*It pleaſed our late Soueraigne Lady Queene Elizabeth,  
upon your ſuppliants humble petition, to grant vnto him  
a Commiſſion from her Highneſſe Councell in the Prin-  
cipalitie of Wales: requiring the Juſtices of Peace of the  
aforeſaid*

*aforesaid Countie to see them amended: But little good  
hath beene, or is done therein as yet.*

**O**VR suppliant being next of Kinne (and hoping that your MAIESTIE will further the amendement of so worthy and memorable a Worke, onely meant and enterprized for your Subiects good) doth humbly beseech your HIGHNESSE to referre this petition, together with the examination of the cause, and the former proceedings therein, vnto the right honourable, Sir *Iohn Herbert* Knight, that hee may consider thereof and conferre with some of the Kinghts and Iustices of the Peace, such as your suppliant shall bring vnto him for his better satisfaction: and then to certifie your MAIESTIE what is fitting to be done, to the ende so good a worke may not goe to decay, but haue speedy redresse: And your suppliant shall euer pray for your MAIESTIES long life, and prosperous raigne.

At the Court at *White-hall*, the 23. of March 1610.

*His MAIESTIE is pleased, that M. Secretarie Herbert doe consider of this Petition, and conferring with such Iustices of Peace herein, as shall bee nominated vnto him, by the Petitioner; doe certifie the trueth of the suggestions, together with his opinion herein.*

DANIEL DVNNE.



To the right Honourable my ver-  
 louing Cousin, Sir I O H N H E R B E R T Knight  
 Secretary of Estate, and one of his *Majesties*  
*most Honourable Privie Councell.* These Dd.



O O D C O U S I N. This Gentleman  
 hath followed a long sute for the  
 paration of those *Cause-ways* about  
 Bristoll, whereof his Ancestor was  
 charitable founder; and now haue  
 obtained a reference from his *M*  
*ESTIE* to you, hee is in good hope to effect  
 which hee hath so long desired; hauing had ancient  
 tryall of your forwardnes in it, and being perswaded  
 that you wil still be moued by those recommenda-  
 ons which you then receiued, the which haue moued  
 mee both to renew the remembrance thereof vnto  
 you, and to second them thus farre with mine own.  
 That you wil be pleased to confee, or take information  
 from some of the Iustices of that Shire of the neces-  
 sity of that which is sought, and thereupon to make  
 such Certificate vnto his *Majestie*, as you shall  
 thinke fit for the expedition of so publique a benefit.  
 And I shall euer rest

*Court this 27 of April. 1611.*

Your very assured loue  
 Cousin

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